(b) if so, the details of the plan and the total cost of the said over-bridge; and

(c) by when its foundation stone is likely to be laid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) A proposal for construction of a road-over-bridge at Dharamshala Bazar on 'deposit' terms has been received from State Government and is in planning stage. Details and cost are to be worked out. Construction work on bridge proper will start only after the completion of planning process and deposit of cost by State Government.

Safety in train journeys

†720. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rail passengers have started feeling insecure during the journeys for the past few years;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps for their safety; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cess collection for Railway Safety Fund

†721. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total cess that the Ministry propose to collect towards the Railway Safety Fund;

(b) what aspects are going to be covered under this safety cess collected; and

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(c) the amount spent by the Indian Railways on safety during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) A total amount of Rs. 5000 crore is proposed to be raised through levy of safety surcharge on passenger fares towards a non-lapsable Railway Safety Fund over a period of six years.

(b) The surcharge so collected, alongwith the contribution made by the Ministry of Finance, would be utilised for replacement/renewal of overaged assets. Part of this Fund would also be spent on safety enhancement measures.

(c) The amount spent by the Indian Railways on Safety during the last five years is as under:—

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Total Expenditure
1996-97	2007.66
1997-98	2245.77
1998-99	2313.04
1999-2000	2656.13
2000-01	2888.62

Demolition of educational institutes by the Railways in Maharashtra

†722. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of educational institutes demolished by the Railways in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) the number of such cases pending in different courts at present;

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